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FRUIT, SHADE, AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

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100,000 first-class Peach Trees, including all the leading varieties: Pear, Apple, Cherry, and Quince Trees; Evergreens for shade or ornament; 200,000 Orange Quince Quicks; Gooseberry, Currant, Blackberry, Raspberry, and Strawberry Plants; Asparagus and Rhubarb Roots, for Fall of 1874 and Spring of 1875 planting.

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PEACH TREES

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For fall of 1874 and spring of 1875 planting

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Celebrated Corset Preserver.

The Corset may be dressed in the finest fab-

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Ladies' and Gentlemen's Oyster

SALOON,

Connected with the OLD BANK Ice Cream

and Confectionery Store.

I would most respectfully inform my pa-

trons and friends, and all who may favor me

with a call, that I have fitted up an Oyster

Saloon for both ladies and gentlemen, where

they can get a good hot Stew, Pan, Fry, or

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such as Fruit, Pound, Lady, Sponge, Cup,

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keep on hand Raisins, Citron, Lemon and

Orange Peel, Currants, Figs, Dates, Prunes,

and all kinds of Foreign and Domestic Fruits,

both green and dried. We shall keep for

Christmas a full line of Toys for the young,

and presents for Children of a larger growth.

Don't forget the place, Rice's Old Bank, and

don't purchase anywhere until you have ex-

amined my stock.

Nov 7-18. E. B. RICE.

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Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key

Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

AGENTS FOR

DEVINNY'S SPECTACLES.

Dec. 12-18.

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all ages.

Dec. 10-18.

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1321 Chestnut Street,

PHILADELPHIA.

may 21-18.

Select Poetry.

From the New York Day Book.

PIEGAN PHIL TO HIS MASTER.

Declare them all banditti now,

And leave the rest to me,

For I'm the gallant Piegan Phil.

The warrior bold and free.

The savage Piegans I destroyed,

I smote them hip and thigh;

Slaughtered their braves and eke their

squaws,

Nor passed papoose by.

I waded deep in blood that day,

Was made by me an inch;

The Piegans have not troubled us

Since I put on the pinch.

They fell, the babies, squaws and braves,

Like grass before the scythe;

I heard them yell, the braves who fell,

And saw their women writhe

In agony, when sabre stroke

Or bullet cut them down;

And when that gallant war was o'er

I hurried back to town.

A record writ with savage blood

Was made by me that day;

Was made by Piegan Phil,

Whose arm is strong to slay.

But what, I ask, were Piegans red

To such as live down here,

The Crescent City citizens.

Banditti all most clear!

My liege, Ulysses, bold and true,

Declare them one and all

Banditti—that's the name for them:

Declare! I'll see they fall!

Yes, I, my liege, of warlike fame,

The gallant Piegan Phil;

Say but the word, I'll do the deed,

I'll try, condemn and kill!

Speak out, speak out, my noble liege,

Declare them one and all

Banditti, my noble liege;

I'll push them, you depend;

My military courts shall wait,

And many shall ascend

Up to the glorious gallows high,

Where warrants all should swing,

As warrants dread to all that dare

To buck against your King!

I'll hang them all, if need there be,

Nor age nor sex will spare!

I'll raise their city to the ground,

And set the water there!

Bold Belknap says, "We all of us

Are with you, Piegan Phil!"

Good words, but yet I wait for yours,

That leaves me free to kill!

"Banditti," cry the word aloud,

To Phil of Piegan fame;

Aye, speak it loud and speak it clear,

Then watch my little game!

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Are we Drifting into Another Conflict?

Ex-Senator Wade, who was Vice-

President when Andrew Johnson was

President, expresses his satisfaction at

the latter's election to the Senate. Mr.

Wade entertains the opinion that the

country is drifting into another civil

strife, in which event he says Mr.

Johnson will certainly be found on the

Union side, being the representative of

the Union element in Tennessee.

Mr. Johnson, after his election,

made an address, in which he said:

"But, my countrymen, let us be

patient, thoughtful and reflective. We

have a great work before us—that of

saving our country from centralization.

I consider the country in more danger

now than at any time in the past."

We are drifting again. He must be

very unobservant of the signs of the

times, who does not see in the recent

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Original Poetry.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.

To The Odessa Bard.

A King can make a better Knight.

A Marquis, Duke and an Earl.

An honest man's a shrewd knight.

God bless him, he can be that.

Mind you that day, in years ago,

Agricultural.
Sheep Husbandry in Delaware.

From the U. S. Economist.
In a previous communication to your paper I stated that from my own knowledge, and from information got from my neighbors, that sheep husbandry would pay in our section of the country much better than any other branch of agricultural pursuits carried on in our locality. In that instance I gave the account only of those persons who were in the habit of buying Western ewes in the Summer and Fall seasons and keeping them until the following Summer, and then, after raising their lambs, feeding them off for the butcher. I showed in the communication referred to that I think in an unprejudiced mind that that method of sheep husbandry would pay. Now I will give you an example of an English sheep husbandman who came to this country some four or five years since, and brought with him at that time some thirty odd thousand dollars in gold, also a wife and a dozen or more fine healthy children; and if some of that croaking fraternity styling themselves "The National Association of Woolen Manufacturers and Wool Growers" would just take a trip to the Diamond State and look at his sheep and farm, and ask him a few questions in reference to the profitability of sheep husbandry, and listen to his replies to their questions, they would come to the conclusion that sheep husbandry could be carried on profitably in this country without protection, and would also conclude that they themselves were a set of great fools—or otherwise they thought the rest of the people of our country were—and that they under the circumstances could make the people believe just what they pleased. Now let me give you my friend, Wm. Homewood's, Esq., experience in sheep husbandry in Delaware. He has a farm of some three hundred acres purchased at the rate of about \$30 per acre, upon one field of which when he bought it three years since he could not keep one sheep per acre without giving feed from other portions of his farm, and the first season the sheep which he kept in that field netted him at the rate of \$7 per acre the first year and the second year he netted \$10 per acre, and the third year he netted \$12 per acre. He says that he is getting now, not to say anything about the increased value of his land. But while this field is paying him so well with so small an amount of outlay, the balance of his farm requires an immense amount of labor and does not yield anything like the amount of profit. He has now upon his farm some 200 head of the finest quality of wool for combing purposes. He says it pays him best to raise his own stock, and for which purpose he has traveled over the country and Canada in search of the finest stock that he can get for breeding from and improving his stock. His ewes at a year old for slaughtering will bring him ten dollars each, while he has a supply of bucks for sale for improving the sheep of our country. He says his present flock will average six to seven pounds of wool (washed) per sheep, which at the present price, say from 60 to 65 cents, is easily calculated. His lambs will sell readily when ready for sale at six dollars each. He says he intends to still further improve his field by continuing pasturing it, and eventually expects to farm for wheat, corn, oats, &c., but a small portion of his land, yet from that small portion he expects a greater amount than he now gets, the balance to be in grass for pasturing. He says that the stock raised from it is getting a much harder race of sheep. He tells me that he has about fifty Western sheep, bought in the Fall, and which at the present time require housing; while his home raised sheep are out in the field at all times, both night and day. He tells me that he made his money at sheep raising in Kent, England, on land for which he paid £3 sterling rent, and sold his wool clean washed at an average of 20 pence per pound, or about two thirds the price of such wools in our country at the present time, and that was done in a country where there was no protection for the wool growers. And yet the small territory of England, with her high priced land, can raise as much wool, and at the present time has as many sheep as all the United States, and can make money at it and sell it in competition with the cheapest producers of the world. If this were not so it could not be sold in the English markets, for they are open and free to all the wool producers of the world. With the example set by my friend Homewood, all our farmers are making inquiry into the business, and are now making an effort through our Legislature for protection, but not against foreign wool growers, but in order to protect our sheep from destruction by dogs.

New York Fashions.
New Spring Styles.

SPRING HATS.
The new hats are far larger than any that have been worn for many years, and chip is the fashionable material of which they are composed. The hat has now in vogue gives some suggestion of the Spring shape, but the new chip hats are still larger than these, are as soft as any slouch hat, have high crowns, and wide brims capriciously rolled, turned and indented, and in size they are like gentlemen's hats, very slightly modified. Importers claim for these mammoth hats that they are not only becoming, but sensible; as they cover and protect the head; the latter assertion is a mere pretense, as they will soon be considered stylish, the former is a matter of course.
For young girls and misses straw hats are shown in an improved sailor shape known as the Leopold. The crown is round, instead of being square and flat, as it was last year, and the wide brim is turned upward all around. The edge is bound with black, brown, or blue gros grain ribbon, and the hat-band and ribbon to match have bars and triangles of gilt or silver. White straw Leopolds are prettily trimmed with navy blue ribbon that is almost black, and ornamented with stamped bars of gilt.
SPRING COLORS FOR TRIMMING.
The list of colors for the ribbons, damasks, figured crapes, and other new materials for trimming bonnets is as follows: Soft pink, sky blue, silver gray, cerise, ponceau, nut brown, lilac (with both pink and blue tinges), drap (of dark light and medium shades), paille or straw color, navy blue (which was the new black-blue of last year), Mauville, and cream colors, which are naturally unbleached buff shades, with more brown in them than in recent times so long in fashion.
NEW MATERIALS FOR TRIMMING.
The novel trimming for these new large hats will be wide scarf ribbons of soft damask serge of a single color, with damask figures, arabesques, and vines of the same color and similar shades. These are as broad as ash ribbons, and as pliable as the plain twilled India silks used for neck-ties; the broad damask designs upon them make them very rich-looking. They are shown in sky-blue, rose pink, beige, and other Spring shades.
SPRING PLaid SUITINGS.
The first importations of dress goods for the coming demi-season are what dealers technically call "suitings," but are designed for only parts of suits. They are single-width twilled all-wool goods, in broken plaids or in blocks, and are also called camel's hair, as it is now the caprice to call all twilled stuffs. These plaid wools are in nut brown shades or in gray tints, and sometimes bars of blue, of cerise, or of violet are introduced.
A man in Lebanon county nearly lost his head in a singular manner. He was rapidly driving a wagon into a yard, when his neck came in contact with a wire stretched across the path, and a deep gash was cut in his throat. Fortunately the wire was broken, or the injury might have been fatal.
Dogs can't sing Old Hundred, but they can howl like sixty.

The Useful Horse and a Walking Gait.

This is said to be a utilitarian age—that the first question asked about any new project, or scheme is: What will it pay? But when we come to estimate the horse, little attention is paid to usefulness or real value. The question is seldom asked: What can he do? How fast can he walk? What service can he perform? Daily his usefulness is being lost, and his value is being lost in miles. In this respect a large class of farmers are nearly as crazy as the rest of mankind. They ignore the most useful horse, that does the principal work of the farm and city. We believe in breeding and training for speed, of using the thoroughbred stallion, and that this has done much to improve the blood of our common stock, and may, with judicious selection, do much more in perfecting the useful horse. But this wild mania for simple speed is likely to be a material injury to that largest class of useful horses, in which the country has a hundred times more interest than in that for simple speed. The great injury comes from selecting breeding animals wholly on account of supposed trotting or running characteristics. It is true that speed may be an accompaniment of the necessary weight, muscle and endurance of the useful horse of all work; but as the selection is not made for the useful qualities, the tendency is to breed these

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JOHN KRASTEL,
Feb 6-3m Chesapeake City, Md.

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